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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a customer in California who has chosen the broadband provider Sonic. I live in the SF Bay Area, where the broadband market is dominated by two major players (Comcast and AT&T). Neither of those companies offer the services my home and my small business require. Their rates are substantially higher for lesser services and, having been a customer of both companies in the past, I can tell you that they both offer customer service that is vastly inferior to Sonic.

Sonic is a local company, and it's important to me to support my neighbors. The company has also demonstrated a dedication to good customer support and customer privacy. That's why I chose them.

I started with Sonic as a DSL customer, and last year was able to upgrade to 1GB fiber internet. The reason Sonic is able to offer these products at a competitive price is because of the increased competition in the marketplace mandated by the FCC.

It troubles me that the agency would be considering rolling back increased access to unbundled elements. These are the very mechanisms Sonic uses to provide me with the high-speed fiber line at my home, which has had a critical positive impact on my ability to manage my small business from my home office. If these access rules change, my prices will rise, my service will degrade, and my access to excellent customer service will vaporize.

Please do not make policy decisions that would take away my right to choose a local provider, or impact the livelihood of my family and of my fellow Americans.

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